

In the Drawings:

Please replace the original drawing sheet "1 of 2" with the enclosed revised Replacement Sheet "1 of 2". Fig. 1 has been labeled as "PRIOR ART" and the legend "state of the art" has been deleted, in conformance with the specification and as required by the Examiner. The original sheet "2 of 2" with Figs. 3 and 4 remains unchanged.

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REMARKS:

- 1) The period for reply to the Ex Parte Quayle Action properly runs for **TWO MONTHS** as indicated on the Office Communication Cover Sheet (PTOL-90A), and **NOT one month** as indicated at the top of the Office Action Summary (PTOL-326). Thus, this Response with Certificate of Mailing is **timely without a Term Extension**. Nonetheless, if a Term Extension is properly due, such extension is hereby requested, and the extension fee may then be charged to our Deposit Account 50-0507.
- 2) This is a Statement of Substance of Interview. In a Telephone Interview initiated by the Examiner on February 7, 2007, the Examiner indicated antecedent basis problems or dependency problems in claims 6 to 9, and some editorial issues in the specification and the claims. As these issues were too extensive to handle immediately on the telephone, the Examiner issued the Office Action of February 28, 2007.
- 3) Referring to item 10) of the Office Action Summary, and the first paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed Drawing Transmittal accompanied by one Replacement Sheet of drawings, in which Fig. 1 has been labeled as --PRIOR ART--. Note that Fig. 1 had originally been labeled "state of the art" at the bottom, which label has now been removed. In view of the formal improvement of Fig. 1, please enter the Replacement Sheet, and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

- 4) In accordance with the PCT procedures, the original specification of this application was a direct literal translation of the application text of the corresponding PCT International Application. The specification has now been editorially and formally amended to better comply with typical US application format. Section headings have been added, and direct reference to claim numbers has been avoided. Accordingly, please withdraw the objection to the disclosure set forth on page 2 of the Office Action.
- 5) Further according to the PCT procedures, the original claims of this application were a direct literal translation of the claims of the corresponding PCT International Application. Minor informalities have been improved in the present claim amendment, as required by the Examiner in the claim objection bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Also, claims 6 and 7 have been canceled, while claim 8 has been amended so that it now has proper antecedent basis in its parent claim 3. Accordingly, please enter the claim amendment, and withdraw the objection to the claims.
- 6) The indicated allowability of the application is appreciated. As all formal matters have been resolved, the application should now be in allowable condition.

- 7) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 4, 8 and 9, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures:
Transmittal Cover Sheet
Drawing Transmittal
1 Replacement Sheet

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